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1. WE BELIEVE THAT IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE GOP IS UNLIKELY TO
ASSUME ACTIVE ROLE IN CCMS. ASSESSMENT BASED ON:
- DISORGANIZATION. OSTENSIBLE COORDINATING BODY FOR CCMS
IS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION BOARD (JUNTA
NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACAO SCIENTIFICA E TECHNOLOGICA -
JNIST). FOR MORE THAN A YEAR THIS BOARD HAS BEEN LITTLE
MORE THAN AN EMPTY SHELL AWAITING REORGANIZATION. APPARENTLY
DISGUSTED WITH ENDLESS DELAY, ITS PRESIDENT, DR. DIAS
AGUDO, RESIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 1. ONLY OTHER PERSON RELATIVELY
CONSERVANT DR. JOSE PEIXOTO WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY UNTIL END
OF SEPTEMBER. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN JUNTA AND OTHER GOP
ENTITIES IS TENUOUS.

- LACK OF FUNDS. OFFICIAL FROM NATIONAL COMMITTEE
ON ENVIRONMENT TOLD US THAT IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO
OBTAIN GOP FINANCING TO ATTEND "TECHNICAL" OR "EXPERTS"

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SESSIONS ABROAD.

- MARGINAL INTEREST. ALMOST ANY CCMS TOPIC WILL ATTRACT INTEREST FROM SOME GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY. IN MOST CASES, HOWEVER, THE INTEREST IS MARGINAL. PARTICIPATION IS PROBABLE ONLY WHEN INTEREST ON PART OF CONCERNED ENTITY OR AT TOP OF GOVERNMENT IS EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG (E.G. - GEOTHERMAL ENERGY), OR WHEN ENTITY HAS ENOUGH POLITICAL "CLOUT" TO OVERCOME BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES.

2. FOREGOING PROVIDES BACKGROUND TO EMBASS RESPONSE TO REFTELS.

- SEPTEMBER 13-15 SOLAR ENERGY PILOT STUDY MEETING IN COPENHAGEN: DUE TO ABSENCE OF DR. PEIXOTO WE WERE UNABLE TO DELIVER LETTER FROM DR. MORSE (REF A). WE ASKED A JNIST OFFICIAL TO CONFIRM THAT GOP STILL DID NOT PLAN TO PARTICIPATE. JNIST IN TURN CONTACTED DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES (DGES) WHICH HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN ABOUT MEETING. DGES EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN ATTENDING, BUT WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT GOP APPROVAL ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. WE DOUBT, THEREFORE, THAT GOP WILL BE REPRESENTED.

- SEPTEMBER 23-24 FLUE GAS DESULFURIZATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN SAARBRUECKEN (REF B). ENG. CORREIRA DE CUNHA OF NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT TOLD US THAT LACK OF FUNDS WILL PRECLUDE GOP PARTICIPATION. CARLUCCI

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